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**NEWS SUMMARY: Green Bay Residents Arrested on Federal Drug and Money
Laundering Charges**

Steven M. Biskupic, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that eleven individuals from the Green Bay area were arrested today for their participation in a long-term, large scale drug organization that has been involved in trafficking large quantities of cocaine and marijuana and money laundering.

The arrests are the culmination of an investigation that used confidential informants, some of them wearing recording devices, and telephone wiretaps. The investigation was led by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Brown County Drug Task Force with assistance from the Green Bay Police Department, the Brown County Sheriff's Department, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Marshal's Service, the Ashwaubenon Police Department, the De Pere Police Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice Department of Criminal Investigation Narcotics Bureau, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The following members of the drug trafficking organization have been arrested:

Defendant	Alias	Date of Birth	Residence
Lorenzo Hill	"Soso"	9/17/67	Green Bay
Larry Sternal		12/28/72	Green Bay
Bradley Buffalo Calf Cornelius	"Buffalo"	9/29/76	Green Bay
Nokies Truss	"Lil G" or "G"	4/12/75	
Sarah Ann Miller		9/3/76	Green Bay
Lee Grondin		7/13/80	Green Bay
Dale Cornelius		11/3/59	Green Bay
Jason Paul		8/14/81	Village of Howard
Christopher Jorgenson		8/11/81	Oneida
Frederick Smith		12/15/66	Green Bay

Ronell Hunter	"Pen"	2/23/80	Green Bay
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According to the criminal complaints, members of the drug ring made frequent trips to Chicago to pick up cocaine and marijuana. The drugs were kept in "stash houses" including Green Bay residences and a storage facility. The investigation indicates that Lorenzo Hill is the leader of the drug trafficking organization in Green Bay and that Larry Sternal, believed to be the cousin of Lorenzo Hill, functions as a runner and drove to Chicago to obtain marijuana. The organization as a whole is believed to be responsible for the distribution of more than 100 kilograms of marijuana and several kilograms of cocaine. Information indicates the drug distribution organization has operated since at least July, 2000 and has continued to sell marijuana but has stopped selling cocaine.

Information obtained during the course of the investigation indicated that when ordering cocaine, individuals would ask for a full pie if they wanted an ounce, a half pie or a half gallon milk if they wanted a half ounce, and a quart of milk if they wanted a quarter ounce. Other code words used when ordering cocaine included when asking for an ounce to ask for a brother, a half ounce a sister, and a quarter ounce a little brother. A quarter pound of marijuana was referred to as a "cutie pie".

James F. Bohn, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration stated, "The investigation used a variety of law enforcement tools to successfully dismantle this large scale marijuana and cocaine trafficking group. The investigation also underscores the impact that local and Federal law enforcement can achieve by combining resources and focusing its efforts. Large scale trafficking organizations such as this do not respect jurisdictional boundaries, and therefore it is imperative for law enforcement to work together in order to positively impact the community. The Brown County Drug Task Force should be commended for its commitment throughout this 18 month investigation."

This case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys Erica N. O'Neil and William Roach for prosecution. Initial appearances for ten of the eleven individuals will occur today at 3:00 p.m. in Green Bay.

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